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Mountains of Figures May Topple When Giants and Athletics Clash, but It Still Remains a Question of Pitchers

New York Has the Stronger Staff, but It Must Face Proportionately Heavy Hitting Attack.

THE BURDEN OF BENDER

Matty, Marquard and Tesreau a Dauntless Three—Mack Boasts of Infield, McGraw of Outfield and a Star Catcher.

Mountains of figures, pile on pile, jostled and jumbled, blasted and excavated from dust covered record books have been lined up in phalanx after phalanx to shed a ray of light on the outcome of the world's series between the Giants and Athletics, which begins on Tuesday at the Polo Grounds. Past performances, running plump up into the present, have been requisitioned by the army of accountants and strained beyond recognition to prove an opinion a fact.

All that remains now is for the two teams to play it out according to form and half can say "I told you so" while the rest can spring the traps to the alibis which have been secretly placed in the advance dope ready for use in an emergency.

At the end of the battle no one will be convinced. For a sly little pebble lying in the course of a hot grounder can give a world twist to the ball and send it caroming off the tip of J. Franklin Baker's finger, putting the star out of the game and knocking more figures galleywest than a whole ton of dynamite could displace. Or little Claude Cooper, coming in as a pinch hitter and forlorn hope, might end it all, doing more for the State of Texas than Davy Crockett did himself.

Temperament, nationality, disposition, love of music and attitude toward ice cream have all been taken into consideration. All has been said that could be said. Let the trumpets sound.

When the last average has been averaged, the last stolen base accounted for, the last base hit recorded and the last passed ball checked off, the answer will be found somewhere in close proximity to the pitcher's box. There is the crux of the situation. If the Athletics get the twirling that has been their portion in their last two sets of championship games they will come pretty close to winning the title. A strong, overpowering and almost irresistible offence, unopposed by any team in either league, with a defence as brilliant if less steady than in 1911, can be figured on as a certainty.

Both Teams Strong on the Attack.

It is not to be expected that Mathewson, Marquard and Tesreau can completely extinguish this attack. No pitcher in the American League has been able to do it, even the wonderful Walter Johnson owing three of his six defeats in his most sensational year in the box to the hands of these terrific sluggers. The Giant trio can only hope to check them. It must almost be taken for granted that the Athletics will score two or more runs in every game. The success of New York depends on its ability to tally three or more.

On Bender and Plank rests the disposition of the title. The New York three at their best will puzzle the Mackmen, but will not prove utterly invincible. The great, big question of the series which remains unanswered is how far the two Philadelphia veterans can go in holding back the Giants. The champions of the National League are no weaklings with the stick and can press a rally with more vigor in hitting, speed and their base running than any other team in their league. Directed by such a brainy field general and tactician as McGraw, the New York nine has rushed nearly every star twirler of the league off his feet at some time or other this year. There is more power to their offence to-day, with Burns and Shaffer in line, than there was in 1912. To check them the Philadelphia twirlers will have to be in better form than they were two years ago.

Irrespective of what Bender is to-day, there is grave doubt about the condition of Plank. The tip went out in the American League some weeks ago that the old veteran had lost much of his speed since he began to be troubled with rheumatism in August. From the end of July until the Athletics had the pennant clinched Eddie won only two games out of eight starts. After a rest of over two weeks, calculated to put him in tiptop form, Connie Mack sent him against the weak hitting Yankees on Friday, and he was found for three hits, two passes and three runs, retiring from the game at the end of the third stanza. He was hardly in impressive form.

Age Beginning to Tell on Plank.

When Plank is right his control is almost as good as Matty's, and the two bases on balls he gave are even more significant than the hits. Eddie is thirty-nine years old, long past the age when most baseball players give up the game, and his chances of reaching the pitching heights that made him famous are slight this fall with chilling breezes here. If he were a youngster his bad record over the last half of the season would not count so heavily against him, but the figures are ominous in this case. This much can be said for Plank. He has always proved a wonder in an emergency, and with so much depending upon him he will rise to the occasion and give all that there is in him. How much this is to one can tell.

Bender without Plank cannot swing the Athletics into the championship. The Indian is a star, and has been treated like a priceless piece of bric-a-brac by Connie Mack for many seasons. He has had an exceptionally good year, and is sure to pitch one good game, perhaps two, if he has a rest of two days, but few believe him capable of coming back for a third fling as Matty did back in 1906. He is not an iron man like Coombs was and Tesreau is, and once he has pitched he is through for several days or the consequences are disastrous.

Even with these two veterans at their best Mack will be pressed to find a third entry to slip in the odd games. None of the bevy of youngsters is a known quantity, viewed under the scorching light



MATHEWSON

A Warning to Connie Mack

Oh, Connie Mack
Is coming back,
But this time he will rue it.
For John McGraw
Will eat him raw—
He certainly will do it.

He laid us low
Two years ago,
But that's another matter;
There is some trim
Now due to him,
And on no silver platter.
—J. B.

WORLD'S SERIES SAFE, IN SPITE OF TALK

August Herrmann Denies That He Made Threat to Player-Authors.

Garry Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission, arrived in this city yesterday for the world's series and completely reversed himself on the question of players writing for the newspapers. Characterizing the statement attributed to him that the commission would stop the world's series if the players insisted on contributing articles as absurd, Mr. Herrmann declared that the ruling of the commission must be interpreted with common sense, and no player would be forced to break a contract entered into before the action of the supreme body was taken. Thus was the whole perplexing question settled before he had been at the commission's headquarters at the Waldorf-Astoria half an hour. He said: "All players who made contracts to write before the ruling of the commission will be allowed to fulfill them," said Mr. Herrmann. "This is a case where common sense must be used. Last week at a meeting of the Managing Editors' Association in Cincinnati I appeared before them and explained the commission's attitude regarding the matter. They all agreed that the stand of the National Commission was a just one, and assured me that after this year no player in the competing clubs—and, in fact, no player at all—would be hired by them to write world's series stories.

"The statement attributed to me, that I would call off the world's championship series, or use my influence to have it called off, if the players did not break their contract, is absurd. Furthermore, any player who has a contract and breaks it will be protected by the commission." Mr. Herrmann added that he did not like the attitude certain players had taken regarding the ruling of the commission, but spoke highly of the way in which Collins and other player-writers had acquiesced.

B. Bancroft Johnson, president of the American League, also arrived here yesterday.



MARQUARD

FLETCHER

PLAYERS WHO ARE COUNTED ON TO SHINE FOR THE GIANTS.

Pertinent Facts for "Fans" On World's Series Games

DATES FOR THE GAMES—In New York at Polo Grounds, 157th street and Eighth avenue, on Tuesday October 7; Thursday, October 9, and Saturday, October 11. In Philadelphia, at Shibe Park, on Wednesday, October 8; Friday, October 10, and Monday, October 13.

In case a seventh game is necessary choice of diamond will be decided by toss of a coin.

POSTPONEMENTS AND TIE GAMES—In case a game is postponed on account of rain, or if for some other cause a legal game is not played, the teams will remain in the city where the postponement occurred until a legal game shall have been played. A tie game will not be played off in the city where it occurred, but the teams will move on to the next city.

TIME FOR CALLING GAMES—Umpires will shout "Play Ball!" at 2 o'clock in both this city and Philadelphia.

EMPIRES FOR THE SERIES—National League, William Klem and Charles Rigler; American League, Thomas H. Connolly and John J. Egan. Umpires will earn \$1,000 each for the series.

HOW TO BUY TICKETS—Seats for lower tier of the grandstand, at \$2 cash, and for bleachers, at \$1 cash, can be purchased only at the gates on days of the games—first come, first served. No reserved seats in upper tier of stand will be placed on public sale.

SEATING CAPACITY—At Polo Grounds, about 40,000, of which 30,000 seats are unreserved. At Shibe Park, Philadelphia, about 30,000.

DISTRIBUTION OF MONEY—National Commission, 10 per cent of gross total; players, 60 per cent of balance, and club owners, 40 per cent. Players share in receipts of only the first four games, of which winners get 60 per cent and losers 40 per cent.

FIGURES FOR 1912—Total paid attendance for eight games, 252,037. Total receipts for eight games, \$490,823, divided as follows: Players (four games), \$147,571.70; clubs, \$291,177.70; National Commission, \$49,083.60.

The Boston players earned \$4,024.68 each and the New York players, \$2,566.48 each.

MISS DODD WINS THE TITLE

Beats Miss Harvey for Canadian Golfing Honors.

Montreal, Oct. 4.—Miss Muriel Dodd, champion woman golfer of England, today won the women's golf championship of Canada by defeating Miss Florence Harvey, of Hamilton, Ont., her opponent, in the final of the Canadian women's golf championship, by 7 up and 6 to play.

THE NAPS WIN, THEN TIE

Browns Come Out at Short End of a Double-Header.

Cleveland, Oct. 4.—Cleveland captured the honors in a double header here today, winning the first game by a score of 5 to 4. The second was called on account of darkness at the end of the eighth inning with the score a tie, 9 to 6.

In the second game, Mitchell, out of the game for more than three weeks because of a lame arm, divided honors with Wellman. Neither team had any serious chance to tally.

GIANTS ARRANGE FOR A FINAL WORK-OUT

Will Play Extra Game Against Phillies at Polo Grounds To-morrow.

OTHER SPORTS ARE LISTED

Connie Mack Talks of Team's Make-Up in Case National Commission Bars Baker and Collins.

In order to keep in condition for the world's series, the Giants will play against the Phillies in an exhibition game at the Polo Grounds to-morrow afternoon. The contest will be called at 3 o'clock. Several specialties will be introduced in connection with the battle. Jim Thorpe, the greatest athlete in the world; Arthur Shaffer, one of the fastest runners in the league; and Hans Lobert, the "speed boy" of the Phillies, will engage in a hundred-yard race.

Besides this there will be a contest in fungo hitting, circling the bases, catching, throwing to bases for accuracy and all other concomitants of a baseball field day.

Josh Devore will try to show up some of his former pals in rounding the bases, while some of the long distance hitters like Crandall and McCormick will try to put the ball in the right field bleachers from the plate, a feat that has been turned by Heinie Zimmerman and a few others in fungo hitting.

The Athletics will take a little exercise to-morrow, getting a slight workout in the morning. They will leave Philadelphia in the afternoon so as to arrive in New York in time for dinner to-morrow evening.

Connie Mack received a letter from President Johnson of the American League to-day, stating that Collins and Baker would not be permitted to take part in the world's series if they wrote, or permitted the use of their names to, articles.

"I think," said Mr. Mack, "that President Johnson's letter was written before he gave out his interview in Chicago on Friday, that the players could write for the newspapers if they proved to the satisfaction of the National Commission that they are capable of doing so."

"However, if the commission decides that the players must not write under any conditions, and the players decide not to abide by the ruling, I will be prepared to put a team on the field against New York next Tuesday."

Should such a contingency arise as the barring of Baker and Collins, the chances are that Lavan would go to second base and Oldring, who was originally a third baseman, would take Baker's place.

SHEPPARD ELECTED CAPTAIN.

Melvin W. Sheppard, hero of several Olympic games, was elected unanimously captain of the Irish-American Athletic Club track team at its annual banquet held at Terrace Garden last night. He succeeds Frank W. Riley, the distance runner. William L. Jones was re-elected chairman of the athletic committee.

About fifty members of the Winged Foot squad were present.

No Reserved Seats for Sale

Club owners, the National Commission and men connected with organized baseball in all parts of the country have gobbled up all the reserved seats for the world's series games at the Polo Grounds, and none will be put on sale to-morrow, as previously announced.

Season box holders and hundreds of others having a claim on the club over-subscribed the reservations many times, so that not a single ticket in the upper tier of the stand is left.

The club went to the National Commission yesterday and explained the conditions, receiving permission to call off the advertised public sale to-morrow morning. There were more than thirty thousand applications for eight thousand reserved seats.

The park will be opened early on Tuesday morning, the day of the first game, when more than thirty thousand seats in the lower grandstand and bleachers will be at the disposal of the "fans"—first come, first served.

GIANTS WIND UP GLORIOUS SEASON

Score Double Victory Over Phillies, Hitting Savagely in Both Contests.

ALL REGULARS IN HARNESS

Batting of Last Three Games Indicates That McGraw's Men Are Ready for Mack's Pitchers.

With a feast of hits and runs, resulting in a double victory over the Phillies, the Giants brought the National League season to a close at the Polo Grounds yesterday afternoon, and the ways were cleared for the post-prandial affairs of next week. Although none of the first string pitchers was used during the afternoon, the crop of runs was so large that little difficulty was experienced in running the total number of victories up to 101 for the season, a mark which all good pennant winners like to reach. A margin of twelve and a half games separated the New York team from its nearest competitors when the curtain went down. The scores yesterday afternoon were 12 to 7 and 7 to 5.

With all the regulars in line, including Snodgrass in centre field, in the first contest, the rarest of sport offered. For the first time since his altercation with McGraw last summer Addie Brennan, the southpaw, started a game. He lasted one full inning, during which eight hits, failing in every part of the field, netted the Giants six runs. This was enough for Brennan, and he left the game in favor of Marshall, who yielded the champions ten more hits. These became slightly congested around the fourth and fifth innings, with the result that half a dozen more tallies were counted.

Arthur Fletcher, who has been pounding the ball at a terrific rate of late, was the leading batter of the day, with a home run, the second in two days; a double and a single in five times at bat. He also crossed the plate three times himself and played a dazzling game in the field, accepting nine chances without an error.

Larry Doyle showed a return to form by batting out two safeties, while Shaffer and Murray had a brace apiece. Otis Crandall, who was in the box, did not devote all his attention to pitching, but rapped out three singles. Merkle was represented by a home run to pair with Fletcher.

Apparently the route has been thoroughly blasted for the big doings next week. Fourteen hits and eight runs by the New York regulars on Thursday, fifteen hits and thirteen runs on Friday and eighteen hits and twelve runs yesterday shows that the New York scoring machine has reached the old heights of vigor and power. The champions have made forty-seven hits and scored thirty-three runs in their last three games.

Otis Crandall was in splendid form during the early part of the first fray and baffled the enemy at every turn. Toward the end of the game he eased up and let the Phillies pick up five runs, as there was little need of over exertion with such a tremendous lead. He allowed nine hits and gave three bases on balls.

After Snodgrass had singled in the first frame Jim Thorpe was sent in to run for him, so that Fred need not take any chances with his lame leg on the bases. McGraw fixed it up with Charlie Dooin to have Snodgrass return to the fray, but Bill Klem would not permit the slight interference of the rule, so the centre fielder's stay in the game was short. Shaffer moved out to centre field and Herzog went to third in Arthur's place.

Fromme and Alexander hooked up in the second game, but neither was in top form. All of the regulars of the Giants were dismissed and the substitutes were invited to bring the season to an end. Alexander was not only wild, giving eight bases on balls, but he was found for ten hits, the return to batting form having penetrated to the lowest ranks of the team, exclusive of Jim Thorpe, who can't seem to get started. Cooper and McCormick picked up a brace of his apiece off Alexander, the young Texan putting a double to his credit.

Fromme pitched the first five innings and was hit with such briskness in the second and third, where he lost control put a team on the field against New York next Tuesday.

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Then Witte, who covered first for the first five innings, decided to take a fling at pitching and moved over to the box for the last four frames, Wilson, the catcher, going to the initial sack.

George showed a lot of speed and a fine curve. He had little trouble in holding the opposition to one run during his reign.

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PENN TRIUMPHS OVER LAFAYETTE

Sol Metzger Believes Red and Blue Is on Verge of Regaining Prestige on Gridiron.

PRESENTS A UNITED FRONT

Coach Brooke Has Evolved a Dazzling Attack, Built Around Minds, That Promises to Bring Back Glory of Years Ago.

BY SOL METZGER.
(Former captain and head coach of Pennsylvania.)

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
Philadelphia, Oct. 4.—Pennsylvania defeated Lafayette's football eleven on Franklin Field this afternoon by a score of 19 to 0, and as the Easton eleven was the same team that took the Quakers in hand a year ago by a score of 7 to 3, the result was altogether pleasing to the Red and Blue, especially as it marked the first test of the new coaching system, headed by George Brooke.

The two scores—a neat drop kick by Quarterback Marshall from the 40-yard line in the first quarter and a splendidly executed and well conceived forward pass from Minds to Koons in the last quarter—were splendid examples of the new system in operation at the Quaker institution, as both were the result of advanced open plays on the part of the quarters.

Lafayette opened the game by kicking off to Pennsylvania, as Minds, the acting captain in place of Captain Young, who viewed the game from the side lines, selected the wind to aid his eleven.

Pennsylvania began a series of attacks on the Lafayette ends and tackles, mingled with some clever passing by Minds that rapidly carried the ball into the Maroon and White danger zone. But Lafayette showed fight, and repulsed the first attack, taking the ball when a forward pass failed the Quakers on the fourth down. Here F. Kelly attempted to punt out of danger, but his effort was recovered by Marshall, of Pennsylvania, on Lafayette's 25-yard line. Two plays failed to gain, whereupon Minds called Marshall back and the latter sent a drop kick spinning between the goal posts for the first score of the game.

Following this tally Lafayette responded nobly and soon threatened the Quakers goal line. The occasion came about through a beautiful run by Scherer, the Lafayette fullback, who returned Minds's punt to the Quakers' 55-yard line. Here Lafayette temporarily upset a variation of the "Minnesota shift," gaining a first down in two rushes.

The good work was offset by holding in the line, forcing the Eastonians to try a forward pass to right end. The ball was passed too far over to the side lines and without gain, so that when Lafayette had its one opportunity to tie the score by means of a drop kick the team had been manoeuvred out of position for such an emergency and in consequence lost the ball on downs.

With the wind at its back, Lafayette received the kick-off at the start of the second half, but could not gain; consequently a punting duel followed, with the Quakers getting decidedly the worst of it. This policy gave Lafayette a chance to put the ball in play at midfield, but poor generalship lost it on downs to the Quakers.

Another punting battle ensued, until the Quakers finally tried their open rushing tactics, with good success, Marshall making thirty yards around Lafayette's left end and Carter fifteen more by receiving one of Minds's bulletlike forward passes.

Here the Quakers lost a chance to score by a stupid play. Minds went back as though to make a pass, and during a discussion among the players about a signal Simpson, the centre, hurled the ball past Minds. The latter recovered it. After an exchange of punts the Quakers came strong again, chiefly by means of the forward passing of Minds.

At the 30-yard line Marshall, the drop kicker, was sent back, apparently to try for another goal, but his fake end run was without gain, because he ran into D. Diamond, who had been upset by his interference. Minds saved the situation by a forward pass to Bolger to Lafayette's 15-yard line, but his next pass, a forward pass for a touchdown, went over the goal line for a touchback.

In the fourth period Pennsylvania began making use of its new halfback, Bolger, and this had proved the sensation of the day in carrying the ball. His line plunging was irresistible, as he was always good for from three to ten yards. This gave the Quakers an opportunity to diversify their play, and as a result Minds's driving forward passes were used most effectively.

Bolger opened the period by carrying the ball to Lafayette's 40-yard line for a first down, and Koons, who had been catching forward passes like a wizard all the afternoon, grabbed another from the hands of Minds for a 15-yard gain, which placed the ball on Lafayette's 30-yard line. Bolger added eight yards through left tackle on the next of his mad rushes, but Lafayette's line settled down to business and held firmly for the next two downs.

Minds then worked the same forward pass to Koons that had been gaining ground all afternoon, and the rather slow Quaker end made a marvellous catch right off the goal post and fell over the line for a touchdown as he was tackled by two opponents.

Marshall kicked an easy goal line, and that ended the scoring, and, in fact, the hard play of the two elevens, the Quakers being satisfied to rest on their laurels and Lafayette evidently realizing that it was too late to attempt to win the game.

It was a trifle warm for football, which I think had something to do with the slow play of the fast Quaker backfield and ends, though Koons, the Quaker right end, is anything but a fast man; consequently Brooke has placed his little quarterback, Marshall, at that wing to cover punts.

The new system at Penn and the eleven of this year offer more promise than anything seen in a decade at the Quaker

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